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THE SENATE AND HOUSE

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Indian Affairs Discussed—Treasury Notes and Silver Dollars—Land Grants and Naval Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—In the Senate to-day the resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Vest, directing the Committee on Indian Affairs to investigate the alleged illegal leases of grazing land in the Indian Territory, was amended so as to include Indian reservations.

Mr. Plumb contended that many of these lands were not needed by the Indians, and he advocated the opening of the Oklahoma territory to settlement.

The resolution as amended was agreed to. Mr. McPherson introduced a bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to discontinue the issuance of treasury notes of denominations less than \$5, and to cease the regular monthly collection of the standard silver dollar and issue in lieu thereof silver certificates for bullion deposited in the United States mints.

At their own request, Mr. Manderson was excused from further service on the Committee on Claims, Mr. Slater from the Judiciary Committee, Mr. Morgan from the Committee on Indian Affairs, and Mr. Dawes from the committee to examine the several branches of the civil service.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the select committees of last session were continued for the present session, and the presiding officer was authorized to fill vacancies.

At 1:15 a message was received from the President transmitting a number of executive nominations.

Mr. Slater gave notice that on Monday next he should press to final action the bill reported by the committee on Public Lands, forfeiting railroad grants in Oregon.

At 1:17 the Senate went into executive session.

At 1:45 the doors were opened and the Senate adjourned till to-morrow.

The House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The House to-day non-convened in the Senate amendment to the bill for the forfeiture of the railroad lands granted to the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company to aid in the construction of a railroad from Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast, and ordered a committee of conference.

The House went into committee of the whole on the bill making provision for the support of the navy for the six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885. Mr. Cox (N. Y.), in the chair. General debate was dispensed with, and the bill was considered by paragraphs, under the five-minute rule.

There was no debate on the bill, which was agreed to as it came from the Appropriation Committee, and it was reported to the House and passed.

The Inter-State Commerce bill came up as unfinished business. Mr. Seymour (Conn.) favored the general features of the bill.

Mr. Long proceeded to point out the difference between the committee's bill and that of Regan supporting the measure coming from the committee.

Mr. Peters (Kan.) started out with the proposition that the cost of transportation in market was a direct tax upon production and that it did not increase the value of the product in its market, but came from the pockets of the producer, and that any extortionate rate charged by common carriers imperiled the producers alone. The evidence that wrong has been perpetrated by common carriers upon the producers is found in the fact that nearly every State in the Union has legislated upon the subject in action which Congress has taken for the past ten years.

On motion of Mr. Morrison it was ordered that when the House adjourned to-morrow it be to meet Monday next.

Mr. Anderson (Kan.) obtained the floor, but at 3:35 p. m. the House adjourned.

For Their Honored Statesman.

AGUSTA, Me., Dec. 3.—The electoral college of Maine cast ballots for Blaine and Logan to-day. Ex-Gov. Abner Coburn, who was elected president of the college and who was taken suddenly ill last night, was unable to attend the session this morning. The college substituted Blaine's nearest neighbor, Joseph Hannan, in his place as elector. John Chase was president. The Governor and Council came in a body to witness the casting of the vote.

Missouri Rates Restored.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The general managers of the roads leading to the Missouri river to-day adopted an agreement to restore all rates, beginning to-morrow. The contract is to last for two years, the privilege being allowed any road to withdraw from the agreement by giving notice prior to Dec. 31, 1885. The rate from Chicago to all Missouri river points is fixed at \$12.50; from Chicago to St. Louis and St. Louis to Kansas City, \$7.50.

Will Accept Gladly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—J. W. Doane, of this city, and P. H. Kelly, of St. Paul, Minn., spent Thanksgiving evening with Cleveland, who was urged by them to accept the hospitality of Chicago. To this Cleveland replied that as he had never visited the West he would be glad to do so. He intimated that he would accept the invitation as soon after the inauguration as possible.

The Shepherd Gone Astray.

CHANDLER, O., Dec. 3.—Marshall Wm. G. Miller, of Flint, Mich., with Sheriff Pines, of this county, went to Middlefield last night and arrested James Ross for forgery committed in that State. Ross came to Middlefield last May. He is forty-five years old and a minister of the gospel.

Will Take an Appeal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Capitalists interested in the Drexelbaugh telephone patents met this afternoon and unanimously agreed to take an appeal from the recent decision of Judge Wallace in favor of the Bell Telephone Company to the United States Supreme Court.

Will Live Longer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—At the request of the Supreme Court to-day Governor Hendon approved Pat Hartnett, the wife-murderer, sentenced to be hanged next Friday, until January 21. The court desires time to look into the case.

That Doubtful State.

CHICAGO, O., Dec. 3.—The Ohio electoral college met to-day at noon. Every elector was present. Blaine and Logan received the most twenty-three votes. The college was photographed in a body before adjourning.

HOLCOMB'S TRIAL.

The Question of Admitting an Insurance Policy.

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 3.—On the opening of court in the Holcomb case this morning, argument was heard as to the admissibility of Kenzie's evidence in relation to what he saw and heard on the Sunday of the shooting in Holcomb's woods. The court ruled it out.

Several witnesses were called for who could not be found, and Mr. Gibson asked, in a long argument, that the insurance policy taken out upon Jacob D. Cronch's life by Dan Holcomb be allowed as evidence. He alleged that Holcomb had falsified in the application, as to the old man's age, and thus showed animus. Gov. Blair said if the transaction was honest Holcomb wouldn't have falsified as to the age, for if he had told the truth he couldn't have got the policy at all. If a man adopted a number of schemes against a man's life and abandoned all but one, does it not show how Holcomb felt toward the old man?

Frazier and Wilson argued that Holcomb wouldn't be scheming for the old man's life for \$2,000, when, as a fact, Mr. Cronch was a very wealthy man and Holcomb would be heir to a large amount when the old man died, for at the time the policy was granted Emma Cronch was not yet married to White, and there was one heir less to the estate. Did the court wish the jury to believe that Holcomb murdered the woman who as a child he had given a home for 15 years when her mother died? The jury would believe so if the policy was put in. Judge Gridley in reserving his ruling took occasion to say that perhaps the people thought the rulings of the court too strict, or that he did not admit as the testimony that should go in. He said he could not for outside clamor, but he should rule as seemed right to him, and if he knew his own heart, his only desire was to give the defendant and the people equal justice.

The International Fair.

St. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 3.—The International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions convened this morning at the Southern Hotel with Julius Walsh in the chair. Festus J. Wade, Secretary. Representatives were present from the State Fair Associations of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, Wisconsin, Montreal and Quebec. The object being to secure a uniform system of fair management. A report was read from the committee on management of the World's Fair in 1892, to be held in St. Louis, to commemorate the discovery of America. A charter was recommended and a committee appointed to obtain a recognition of the association from Congress. The association meets again to-morrow.

The Brand-Leman Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—There were no developments of importance in the Brand-Leman case to-day. The governor heard the testimony of Wm. H. Wright, printer, who set up the bogus tickets. His testimony was merely confirmatory of that taken yesterday. The citizens' committee held an adjourned meeting this afternoon, and measures were taken and a committee appointed to raise funds for the prosecution of the fraud. The general opinion seems to be that it will be difficult to obtain evidence of sufficient character to obtain the conviction under the state laws.

Six for Cleveland.

WHEELING, Dec. 3.—At ten o'clock this morning the Presidential Electors of West Virginia met at the State House and cast the six electoral votes of the State for Cleveland and Hendricks.

An Old Gann Receives Credit.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 3.—The several burglaries committed last night in the eastern part of the county are credited to the Welsh Mountain gang.

As Was Expected.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 3.—The Kentucky electoral college met to-day and cast the electoral vote of the State for Cleveland and Hendricks.

We Knew It Would.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 3.—The Maryland electoral college cast its vote for Cleveland and Hendricks to-day.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The Erie road is selling tickets from New York to Chicago for \$5.50, and the West Shore office to meet the cut.

Protests against the proposed increase of the French duty on grain have been made by Russia and the United States.

The National Council of Switzerland elected M. Hoemel President of the Republic and M. Bezold Vice President.

The latest rumor in Paris regarding Miss Mackey is that she is about to marry Don Fernando Coloma, prince of Galatrot.

The opening of the American Electrical exhibition, Boston, has been postponed until December 8, at the request of many large exhibitors.

Iowa will be well represented at the World's Exposition, over eighteen carloads of products and exhibits of women's work having been sent there.

St. Louis business men are anxious to make that city the central and controlling wool market of the west, and are co-operating heartily to accomplish their purpose.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee on the Improvement of Western Water Ways has issued a call to the committee to meet at Washington for consultation Jan. 12, 1885.

George Rankin, of Woods Run, Pa., while carelessly handling a shotgun on Saturday, accidentally shot and killed his aged mother. The young man did not know the gun was loaded.

M. T. Calla, the famous burlesque of the Grand Old House, Paris, has made an engagement with Mr. Maurice Strakosky to go to America within a few weeks. The price agreed upon is 4,000 francs for each performance.

Edward Condit, a forger in jail at Jersey City, saved through the cell door, locked on two guards who were asleep on duty, secured an iron staple on the cell door, and was caught while cutting the bars of the ventilator.

In the matter of the estate of Wilbur F. Storey, of Chicago, Mrs. Joseph C. Storey and Mrs. Mary E. Farrand have appealed from the order of the Probate Court refusing to admit to probate a paper purporting to be the last will of deceased.

Reinold Kasse, a customs officer at Montreal, is to receive from the United States government \$20,000 for information furnished as to diamond smuggling on the border, by which goods valued at \$100,000 were seized by American customs officers.

The navigation season has practically closed in Milwaukee, and it is reported to have been one of the most disastrous ever experienced. Nine out of every ten small boats are lower on the bottom, and the season's earnings are estimated at \$500,000.

MEN'S MISFORTUNES.

A SHIP AND HER CREW LOST.

The Schooner Mary Joseph Goes Down With All on Board—A Terrific Railroad Collision.

HALIFAX, Dec. 3.—The following particulars regarding the loss of the schooner Mary Joseph, at Channel, N. F., with all on board, has just been received here. The Mary Joseph sailed from North Sydney, Nov. 20, called at Ingonish and sailed from there on the twenty-second, taking off a woman named Kate Williams as a passenger. The crew consisted of Captain Scott, Frank Ralfe and his son, Michael Pelite and Charles Neys, all of the channel schooner Bessie which arrived at north Sydney to-day from Channel. He reports that the mast of the Mary Joseph was picked up near that place to-day, which makes it sure that vessel was lost. None of the bodies have been recovered.

A Terrific Collision.

PORT DEPOSIT, Mo., Dec. 3.—Passenger train No. 8, going west on the Philadelphia and Baltimore Central road, collided with freight train No. 71, going east, at Oxford, Pa., to-day. The engines came together, and the freight train was completely demolished, the front ends of both engines, wrecking the Adams express car. Howard Taylor, the baggage-master, was taken out of the ruins in an unconscious condition, but was not fatally injured. Conductor W. B. Taylor was badly burned. Several passengers were thrown from their seats and received bruises. The track was cleared after several hours detention to trains.

A Woman's Suicide.

PORTAGE, Wis., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Christianson, a Norwegian woman, of Lewiston, Wis., has been in the habit of ill-using her 15-old daughter, and on Sunday beat her badly. The girl then left her mother's and went to a neighbor's. A doctor who was sent for found her arms and back bruised. The girl refused to go back to her mother. Monday the neighbors of the woman were attracted to her house by the bellowing of her stock for food. They suspected something wrong, and found the woman had committed suicide.

Mysterious Death of a Hermit.

CAMBRIDGE, Mo., Dec. 3.—The intelligence reached here this evening that the house of Gilbert Harley, situated in Bucktown district, burned to the ground last night, and Mr. Harley was consumed in the flames. The head was found on the opposite side of the room the body and the neck appeared as though it had been cut off with a sharp instrument. There is little doubt that Harley was first murdered and the building set on fire to conceal the crime. The house was situated in the heart of a swamp, some distance from any neighbor. Harley lived alone.

Sad and Horrible Accident.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 3.—George Hart, aged sixty-five, employed at the Keystone Iron Works, while engaged at his duties this afternoon was caught and drawn into a rapidly revolving wheel. Every effort was made to save him, but before the machinery stopped his arms and head were severed from his body. He leaves a family.

An Elector Suddenly Sick.

AGUSTA, Me., Dec. 3.—This morning the venerable ex-Governor Abner Coburn, who was yesterday elected President of the Electoral College, was taken alarmingly ill. The college chose John D. Richardson, of Bath, to convey the record of its vote to Washington.

A Way They Have in Texas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The postoffice department is informed that Caesar Bazaar, postmaster at Carco, Texas, has been murdered by Mexicans, his office pillaged, all stamps and money taken. Bazaar was only appointed on the 14th ultimo.

Death of Rev. Luke Davis.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Rev. Luke Davis died yesterday, aged 77. He graduated from Madison university in 1840, and preached in several prominent Baptist churches in this State, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Ohio.

A Curious Case.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 3.—A peculiar case has just transpired at the Orphans' home in Xenia. A little girl, Julia B. Follansbee, was sick in the hospital, and as is the custom in cases when fatal results are feared, the mother was notified. She resides in Cleveland, and as soon as she arrived she found faint with the attending physician, who is an allopath. She wanted a homeopathic physician and applied to Supt. Alexander for permission to employ one at her own expense. This was refused, and the mother declined to administer the regular physician's medicine. The matron was directed to administer the medicine, but the mother protested, and finally went to Xenia, employed an attorney, and obtained a temporary injunction enjoining Supt. Alexander, Dr. Jones and Matron Hardesty from preventing her in having such physician as she chose to administer to the child.

Labor Notes.

The Pennsylvania company has discharged over eleven hundred men employed on its lines of rails, making a saving of \$42,000 per month. Work has been resumed by the Schuylkill rolling-mill at Port Clinton, Pennsylvania, and by the agricultural implement factory of Russell & Co. at Massillon, Ohio. The Edgar Thomas steel works at Pittsburgh, employing five thousand men, intend to shut down till January. The A. Flint glass factory in the latter city canceled its order for a reduction of wages, but the workmen at two shops accepted a cut rate.

Wayward Connecticut.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 3.—The presidential electors of Connecticut met at the State Capitol this morning and cast its ballots for Cleveland and Hendricks.

They Pass Up the Flue.

PENNSYLVANIA, Pa., Dec. 3.—Simon & Wolf, wholesale dealers in jewelry, assigned to-day. Liabilities estimated at about \$35,000; assets \$25,000.

Will Do Better Next Time.

REMARKS, Va., Dec. 3.—The Virginia electoral college met to-day at the Capitol and cast twelve electoral votes for Cleveland and Hendricks.

THE OTHER SIDE.

What Rev. Mr. Hallack Has to Say of the "Post" Trade.

Will you kindly give place to the following explanation, since your former reference to the sale of the Saturday Post, and the difficulty arising therefrom is somewhat misleading?

It is now more than three months since Mr. Fairchild first wrote me desiring to trade his paper, the *Alcona County Review*, for the *Post*. He wrote at the same time to Hon. M. C. Burch and to W. G. Beckwith, as personal friends, asking their assistance in making the exchange. I declined a trade at first, but offered to sell. After one or two more letters, however, I went to Harrisville and spent about three hours of daylight in looking over his office and the village. I made him no offer, but he was so anxious for a trade that he followed me back, arriving only one day behind myself, and spent three days here. He made an offer which, after his return home, I accepted, but which he immediately changed. After considering delay and more correspondence, I again accepted his proposition. He came here again, but being unable to complete the exchange under three or four days, we drew and signed a formal contract, and he returned home. Said contract bears date Oct. 22. On the day I expected to consummate the matter he telegraphed that he could not go on with the bargain because of difficulties at that end of the arrangement. Thus the matter rested for a time, but was again renewed by him, and the third time I accepted his proposition. He came to this place again and the final exchange of papers took place two weeks ago last Friday, possession being deferred one week at his request. He came and took formal possession of the *Post* on Monday morning of last week instead of Wednesday as was stated, and instead of going immediately to secure possession of my purchase, which I certainly should have done had I been conscious of any attempt at deception, which he was then certain to discover, I remained to help him in getting started with the *Post*. Wednesday afternoon he astonished me by a sudden proposition to "throw the thing up and return home," alleging not that he had been deceived, but "that his family were ice-bound up north and could not get here; that Providence seemed to be against him, and he believed he was doing wrong in attempting to make a change." I attributed it to a fit of the "blues"—a little homesick that would soon pass away, but after thinking it over that night concluded that, blues or whatever it was, he was too unreliable to trust and I had best move at once to secure myself against loss. My suspicions were confirmed the next morning by his boarding, at Owosso, the same train by which I was going north.

I submit it not only to newspaper men but to any person of good sense, that the charge of deception is not admissible in view of the length of time taken by Mr. Fairchild to consummate the trade in view of the fact that he was here three times during the interval, spending more than a week altogether in looking the matter up; that every facility in the office and out of it was afforded him for informing himself; that, as suggested, I made no effort to secure immediate possession of my property at Harrisville, but placed it in jeopardy by remaining to give him needed assistance; and especially in view of the fact that his own friends advised him not to make the venture. Said Mr. Beckwith to me: "I think Joe is making a mistake, but he seems determined to try it and it's his own job." Said Mr. Burch, "I should dislike to see him make the venture, but he knows his own business best."

I dealt with him as I would have dealt with any one, and as any other man would have dealt with him or one looked out for my own interests, but did not misinform him upon any point. Had I not supposed I was making a good bargain I certainly should not have traded, and I believed he would be able to handle the *Post* to better advantage than I could. I supposed he had some special object in view which he did not see fit to divulge, and others suggested the same idea. He had been in newspaper work much longer than I, and had also the advantage of being a practical printer, of which fact he boasted when looking over my office. More than that, he used again and again during the negotiations the very argument he is now trying to turn against me—insisting that the patronage of the *Post*, especially in advertising, was very low and would have to be worked up by him. In view of all these facts it seems to me entirely out of order for either party to plead the "baby act" at this stage of the proceedings.

J. W. HALLACK.

Gen. Mott's Funeral.

TRENTON, Dec. 3.—The funeral of General Mott was largely attended to-day. Many prominent military men were present, including General Hancock and staff, General Hartranft and ex-Governors Bedle, Ludlow and McClellan.

Always on the Right Side.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 3.—The Rhode Island presidential electors met at Bristol to-day and cast four electoral votes for Blaine and Logan. Clinton D. Tellew, of Providence, was elected messenger.

ECHOES FROM ABROAD.

Two hundred Englishmen are sick with enteric fever at Wady Halfa.

There were large sales Monday of Panama canal shares, as the result of President Arthur's statement to the American congress relative to the Nicaragua treaty.

Reports that have gained currency relative to the condition of the German emperor have been exaggerated. He has had several falls recently, through the weakness of his limbs, but he eats well and sleeps like a child.

The new Italian divorce bill authorizes divorce when the parties have been condemned to twenty years in prison; also after five years' separation where there are children, and after three years where there are no children.

The American contractor, Nathaniel McKay, reports twenty thousand natives of the Caribbean Islands employed in piercing the isthmus. They are mostly employed in cutting immense trenches through the hills, which will be carried down to a level with the ocean.

The imperial family of Austria will probably remain at Goodwood until Christmas. The Princess Valeria is leaving to France. She has written a comedy to be acted this winter by herself and her friends in the imperial palace. After two court balls at Pesth and two at Vienna the empress will return to Amsterdam, where she will stop for several weeks.

The report that the emperor and empress of Russia intend to proceed to Berlin this winter is declared to be quite unfounded. Such a visit, if it occurred, would be contrary to etiquette before the return visit to the Austrian emperor, as Alexander III. was in Germany at Danzig in 1882. The trip to Berlin next summer will most probably be before the journey of the imperial family to the country of the Rhine.

OUR FEDERAL AFFAIRS.

WORK IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

Public Buildings for Michigan.—Democrats Talking About the Tariff. Bankruptcy Law.—Other Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The House Public Buildings committee this morning had a meeting to discuss how to best dispose of important public building bills on the calendar. It was finally decided to have a consultation with the various state delegations interested and have some of the lesser bills dropped from the special order. The object is to get the important bills passed at this session. Mr. Maybury says that he can get the Michigan delegation to stand up for the Detroit bill. If this plan is adopted, the bills for buildings at Saginaw and Jackson will probably be withdrawn in favor of Detroit.

The Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee will hold a meeting to-morrow morning to discuss the advisability of pressing forward any tariff legislation. While the tendency of the Democrats is in favor of postponing the subject until next winter, in view of the vigorous recommendations of the Secretary of the Treasury and the pressure from other sources it is thought now that some tariff legislation may be produced at this session. Chairman Morrison is decidedly in favor of bringing in another tariff bill, but Mr. Mills, of Texas, and one or two others are advocating a policy of delay. It is proposed to settle the matter at the meeting to-morrow, and prospects for a revision of the tariff during this session are improving.

CABINET RUMORS.

The Story That Mr. Bayard Has Declined the State Portfolio.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The story that Senator Bayard has declined the portfolio of Secretary of State in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet and indicated his preference for the Treasury Department is discredited by persons here who are likely to know the facts. A gentleman who has confidential relations with both Gov. Cleveland and Mr. Bayard says positively that Mr. Cleveland is devoting all his time to the duties of his present office, and will make no tender of Cabinet places until he retires from the office of Governor on the 6th of January. As yet he has settled upon nothing with regard to the Cabinet, and all the stories suggested are mere gossip work. The gentleman added that, even should Mr. Bayard decline the Secretary of State, he could not indicate a preference for another place, from motives of delicacy. He was positive, however, that no communications had passed between Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bayard on the subject.

Capital Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—An attempt will be made early in January to suspend the rules in the House and pass the bill reported by the judiciary committee last winter, providing for the new bankruptcy law. Judge Holman says the House Committee on Appropriations, to act upon the suggestions of Secretary McCulloch to reduce the number of customs districts, will recommend that expenditures in this direction will be cut down about a million dollars.

Regan's Commerce Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The prospects now are that Regan's inter-State commerce bill, which is under discussion in the House will be passed.

COSTLY BALLAST.

A Steamer Captain Runs Foul of Import Duty Laws.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—The iron steamship Cranbrook, Capt. Harvey, in ballast from England to Baltimore, had no sooner dropped anchor in the harbor off Canton at 5 o'clock this evening than the tug of the United States custom authorities steamed alongside, and Commanding-Officer H. E. Brook climbed over the rail, acting under instructions from the Surveyor of the Port. Brook informed Harvey that he had bid himself liable to extreme penalties for the violation of the United States laws on import duties in dumping into the Chesapeake bay, opposite Annapolis, 400 tons of coal, which he had brought over as ballast and upon which the United States Government has an import duty of 75 cents per ton. Harvey does not deny the offense, but states that Pilot Baden urged him to get rid of the coal before he got to the port of Baltimore. Capt. Harvey, his officers and Pilot Baden will have a hearing to-morrow before Deputy-Surveyor Wilson.

STANLEY'S CENSURES.

Because the Government Did not Heed His Advice.

EDINBURGH, Dec. 3.—Henry M. Stanley, guest of the Edinburgh Geographical Society, this evening in an address to that body, strongly censured the government for ignoring his advice to secure for England leadership in the Congo movement. As a result of England's lukewarm policy the most fertile districts of Western Africa have now been parceled out by the Berlin conference and the more confident, stout-hearted Germans had ousted the English, not only from Congo, but from the Niger region. Stanley also pointed out that the French were building a railway from Senegal to Segou, connecting the upper waters of the Niger with the French African coast. He predicted this would take \$150,000,000 yearly out of the pockets of the English traders. This was only one item of England's loss on account of her neglect of African possibilities.

Conflict of Authority.

GERALTES, Dec. 3.—There has been a fresh collision between Spanish and British authority. A Spanish cruiser captured a vessel in British waters which was supposed to be a smuggler. The British thereupon sent an armed launch in pursuit of the vessel, recaptured her, and, along with its Spanish captor, towed her into the harbor. What the final result will be is not yet clear.

Glittering Jewels Gone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—While Mrs. Conner, wife of Capt. Conner, presiding officer of the St. James Hotel, was at dinner last Thursday, her rooms were entered and about \$5,000 worth of jewelry was stolen.

Against Her First Love.

TRUSTEES, N. J., Dec. 3.—The electoral college of New Jersey met to-day and cast its votes for Cleveland and Hendricks.

MRS. DAVIS'S SOIREE.

An Excellent Entertainment—Illness of Miss Atwater.

The Soiree musicale given last night in the Armory by Mrs. Frank M. Davis was a pronounced success, notwithstanding the sudden illness which overcame Miss Mary Atwater during the rendition of the English ballads, and which curtailed the program one number. The hall was completely filled with an audience composed of the elite and music-loving portion of the community. The pupils of Mrs. Davis, the Misses Granello and Atwater, reflected the greatest credit upon their instructress and were, with her, frequently applauded and encored. Numerous floral offerings were presented by friends in the audience to the several singers during the concert. Mrs. Louis M. Gray, accompanied the singers on the piano with skill and effect, and Mr. Post excelled himself at the same instrument.

The following was the program, not including two encore pieces given by Mrs. Davis and Miss Granello, all of which were rendered except the last duet:

1. Trip—"Of Loving Will the Token." Schumann. Mrs. Davis, Miss Granello and Atwater.
2. "I sing thee songs of Araby."—Clay. Mrs. Davis.
3. Sonata—Op. 27, No. 2. Beethoven. Mr. H. C. Post.
4. "Una voce poco fa." Rossini. Miss Sallie Granello.
5. Romanza and Cavatina—(Il Martiri). Donizetti. Mrs. Davis.
6. Le Hal—Op. 14, No. 9. Rubinstein. Mr. H. C. Post.
7. English Ballads—(a) "My Love and I." Clay (b) "I've seen Sweet to Tell." Munster-Mrs. Davis.
8. Little "Quint est bon." (Stabat Mater). Rossini—Mrs. Davis and Miss Granello.

Inquiry at the residence of Mr. Atwater, on Ransom street, last evening at a late hour, gave the information that Miss Atwater, under the effect of restoratives immediately applied by Dr. Brigham, in the hall and afterward, was resting quietly, and no serious results were anticipated if sleep could be induced for the patient.

TRADE AND FINANCE.

Grand Rapids.

TELEGRAM OFFICE, Dec. 1.
GRAIN.—Corn, 56c. Oats, 25 1/2c; retail 35c. Wheat, 72c. Rye, 36 1/2c. Short berry, 72c. Bye, 36 1/2c. 50c. 50c.
FLOUR AND FEED.—Flour, \$4.30 wholesale; \$5.00 retail; patent, \$5.30 wholesale; \$6.00 retail. Middling, per ton, \$15.00 wholesale